

**MINUTES**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**September 20, 2010**  
**Conference Room A – County Square**  
**10:03 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senator Thomas, Chairman; Senator Martin; Representative Loftis; Representative Rice; Mayor Danner; Mayor Godbey; Mayor Long; Mayor Bagwell; Mayor McCall; Mayor Waldrop; Councilor Willis; Councilor Burns; Councilor Gilstrap; County Council Chair Kirven; Councilor Meadows; Councilor Payne; Commissioner Adams; Commissioner Edwards; M. Long; B. Knight; and M. Carter

**OTHERS PRESENT:** G. Baney; C. Burgess; H. Gamble; J. Gardner; R. Hawes; B. Jordan; F. Simons; B. West; S. Gwynn; J. Owings; D. McGee; K. Brockington; T. Wedmore; and H. Hahn

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2010 MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By Mayor Long, seconded by Mayor Godbey to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMPLETED PLANS**

Dan McGee addressed the Committee members regarding The Transit Vision and Master Plan involving Greenlink/GTA and the Multimodal Transit Corridor Alternative Feasibility Study. He stated the plan established a long-term transit vision for the area and included specific operational recommendation for near-term, short/mid-term and long-term implementation. Mr. McGee also explained the recent completion of the Multimodal Transit Corridor Alternative Feasibility Study. He stated the both plans would help guide improvements to local transit operations and requested the Policy Committee's endorsement on both.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Senator Martin to hold the item until the January 2011 meeting and requested staff to schedule a workshop to provide additional information to the Committee members. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY2011 GUIDESHARE AND ENHANCEMENT FUNDS**

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee members with an illustrated pie chart of the Guideshare Funding made available to the South Carolina MPO's and COG's from the South Carolina Department of Transportation. He stated the increased amount was an additional \$3.6 million dollars per year. Mr. Brockington stated GPATS staff would work with SCDOT over the next few months to account for how the increase in funding would impact project schedules. He stated the Policy Committee would be presented the changes at the January 2011 meeting.

**MOTION:** By \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by Ms. Willis to approve the changes in the guideshare funding. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brockington provided additional information to the Committee members about potential changes in the Transportation Enhancement Program. He stated over the next few months staff and GPATS Study Team would be reviewing the options and getting guidance from SCDOT and staff will bring a new plan to the Policy Committee at the January 2011 meeting.

### **PROJECT STATUS REPORT**

Tommy Elrod with the SCDOT addressed the Committee members with an update on the various projects that were currently in progress. He briefed the members on the Interstate projects, the ARRA projects and the GPATS TIP projects.

### **FY2010-2015 TIP AMENDMENTS**

#### **Job Access and Reverse Commute projects**

Greg Baney addressed the Committee members regarding amendments to the Transportation Improvement Plan regarding the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC).

**MOTION:** By Mr. Kirven, seconded by Mayor Danner to approve the amendment to the TIP referencing the JARC. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Batesville Road termini and scope**

Mr. Elrod with the SCDOT explained the proposed amendment to the TIP to modify the Batesville Road project to extend the project to Godfrey and Roper Mountain Road intersections. He stated there will be a public information meeting to examine the three lane concept and or separate intersection safety projects at Godfrey and Roper Mountain.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Representative Loftis to carry over the item to the January 2011 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SC183 (Pickens County) Intersection Projects**

Mr. Elrod requested to shift the Right of Way funding in the amount of \$400,000 to FY 2011 and also shift the \$1.5 million construction funding to FY 2012 for the Alex, Jim Hunt and Jamison Roads location. In addition a request to shift ROW phase programmed funds amounting to \$700,000 to FY2011 on the intersections of Farris Bridge at Jewell Street and E. Jones Avenue in the City of Pickens.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Ms. Willis to approve the amendment request to the TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SC 153 Extension in Easley**

Mr. Elrod requested extending the logical termini to Saluda Dam Road to Meet the Federal regulations relative to the environmental assessment process.

**MOTION:** By Senator Martin, seconded by Mayor Godbey to approve the amendment to the TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

**Brushy Creek Road at Pearson/Nancy Streets shortfall**

Mr. Elrod requested an amendment to assist with a project shortfall in the amount of \$502,300. He provided the Committee members with an explanation of the shortfall. After some discussion the following motion was made.

Keith Brockington addressed the Committee member with a detailed explanation of the shortfall.

Clint Link, a consultant with Florence and Hutchinson addressed the Committee members regarding costs that increased the scope of the project.

**MOTION:** By Senator Martin, seconded by Mayor Godbey for GPATS to provide 100% percent of the funding for the shortfall. The motion carried with five in opposition (Mayor Danner, Mayor McCall, Commissioner Adams, Representative Loftis and Senator Thomas).

The Committee requested staff develop a policy that the Policy Committee could adopt to address cost overruns.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dan McGee updated the Committee members on the status of the following:

- SC 153 Corridor Plan
- City of Greenville Bicycle Master Plan
- TIGER II Grant
- Brushy Creek Greenway Feasibility Study (Easley)
- LRTP Update – Citizens Advisory Committee formation
- Election of 2011 Policy Coordinating Committee Officers

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no appearances for public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary